GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEA EROSION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea erosion in the coastal States is increasing especially in coastal districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the erosional damage assessed by the Government in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 so far;

(c) whether any measure is adopted to check sea erosion problems in those coastal States and particularly in the coastal districts of Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Coastal States, including the State of Karnataka have not reported any increase in beach erosion.

(b) Coastal erosion damages have not been assessed by the maritime States on a year to year basis. However, assessment made by the States of the coastline affected by sea erosion is as under :

Andhra Pradesh - 9 km
Goa - 11 km
Gujarat - 38 km
Karnataka - 242 km
Kerala - 480 km
Maharashtra - 263 km
Orissa - 108 km
Pondicherry - 6 km
Tamil Nadu - 32 km
West Bengal - 49 km

(c) & (d) The planning, investigation and execution of schemes related to prevention of coastal erosion is the responsibility of the State Governments. These are funded by the State Governments from the Annual Plan funds provided to the States by the Planning Commission under flood control. In respect of Karnataka, a length of 30.4 km of the coast has been protected up to the end of the Eighth Plan with an expenditure of Rs.30.66 crores.

A Centrally-assisted anti-sea erosion scheme has been put into operation under the Ninth Plan to assist the maritime States to undertake Projects in critical areas. The Central component of the scheme and the State component are in a ratio of 75:25. An amount of Rs.20 crores has been earmarked for Central Assistance under this scheme, which includes Rs.5.50 crores for the State of Karnataka.